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"Kern County Stand Down and Resource Fair" To Take Place On Thursday

EVENT: The Kern County Stand Down and Resource Fair will take place on

Thursday at Stramler Park. Veterans in need are encouraged to attend this one-day event where they will be given a hand up. Attendees will receive services to assist them with issues of homelessness, employment,

substance abuse, legal, and other problems. This event is free.

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2008

TIME: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Stramler Park

3805 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93301

WHO: Organizers, service providers, volunteers, and veterans

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BACKGROUND: A Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's homeless veterans wage war against homelessness, addiction, unemployment, and mental illness, as they survive daily on the streets. The hand up, not a handout philosophy of Stand Down is carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteers and organizations throughout the nation.